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All students need and deserve broadband access, education leaders say

New technology and increased internet connectivity is reshaping the K-12 landscape, but with many schools still left without broadband access, education stakeholders should pursue initiatives and policies to support digital equity for students, education leaders advocating for broadband access say.

Healthcare Industry Phishing Attacks at Highest Level Since 2016

According to a new report, phishing attacks are now occurring at a rate not seen since 2016. 266,387 unique phishing sites were detected in Q3, 2019, an increase of 46% from Q2, 2019. Almost twice the number of phishing sites were detected in Q3, 2019 than in the last quarter of 2018.

Largo, FL Boosts Public Safety With Next-Generation 911 Technology

The Largo Police Department is the first agency in Florida to adopt Carbyne's next-generation 911 communication technology.

Ransomware Attack Foiled by State's Cybersecurity Protocols

Louisiana was the target of a ransomware attack, but due to security protocols and "an abundance of caution," the state will only lose convenience, as some systems and sites were shut down as preventive measures.

Americans and Privacy: Concerned, Confused and Feeling Lack of Control Over Their Personal Information

Majorities think their personal data is less secure now, that data collection poses more risks than benefits, and believe it is not possible to go through daily life without being tracked.

USDA Invests in the Expansion of Rural Education and Health Care Access

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Investments will benefit 5.4 Million Rural Residents in 37 States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Virginia SWIC on FirstNet, public safety tech, and the Roadmap

How first responders are exploring and adapting cutting-edge technologies, and how the FirstNet Authority is helping public safety agencies nationwide advance operations.

Twitter Just Confirmed A Better Way To Secure Your Account

Twitter has made a crucial change to its security settings that allows you to use two-factor authentication (2FA) without supplying your phone number. This is an important change because it means that Twitter's 320 million users are less vulnerable to attacks such as Sim swapping if they don't have their phone number tied to the account.

Quincy Says Their City-Run Internet Would Be Faster, Cheaper

Quincy, Mass., is pondering what Internet would look like as a "fourth utility." The city-owned utility would be an "opt-in model" with hopes of reducing prices by providing more Internet competition.

How one college is trying to meet the employment needs of 'volatile' tech companies

The president of Salt Lake Community College discusses how her institution is keeping its technology offerings current and using partnerships to expand access.

GRM Networks in Princeton receives USDA grant of \$41.6 million dollars through ReConnect Program

GRM Networks of Princeton recently received a \$41.6 million grant/loan from the United States Department of Agriculture's ReConnect Program helping GRM Networks fulfill its commitment to bring fiber-optic connectivity to northern Missouri and southern Iowa.



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